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SUBJECT: URUGUAY IN LINE WITH US ON PREVENTING POSSIBLE  
NORTH KOREAN NUCLEAR TEST

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Classified By: Charge D'Affaires James D. Nealon  
for reasons 1.4 (B) and (D)

¶1. (C) On October 4, I delivered reftel demarche on possible North Korean nuclear tests to Director General for Political Affairs Alvaro Gallardo per instructions reftel. After reviewing the talking points, he volunteered that he saw "no problems" in supporting the demarche, qualifying only that Uruguay was unlikely to express itself in a dramatic way. Gallardo said that Uruguay's opposition to nuclear proliferation was well known and he stressed that North Korea was not talking about using nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, but that it had actually "threatened to use nuclear weapons." He said that he had served for five years in Japan and knew first-hand of Japanese and Chinese "insecurity" over North Korea's attempt to acquire nuclear weapons. At one point he characterized the DPRK as an "auto-isolationist" regime run by a "strange, E.T.-like leader."

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